



# Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Jennings and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Paul L. Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation

Approved by: Katie Lichtig, City Manager

Date prepared: November 20, 2002 Meeting date: December 9, 2002

Subject: Acceptance of Public Information and Education (PIE) Grant for Las Flores Park

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve acceptance and implementation of Public Information and Education (PIE) grant from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (SMBRP) and authorize staff to execute related agreements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total grant amount is \$8,000 that will fund services provided by Odyssey School and the City. Matching funds of \$10,000 will be provided in the form of staff services and transportation provided by Odyssey School, Heal the Bay and the City. A total of \$3,000 in staff time will be provided as the City's portion of the match. This will come from the Parks & Recreation Department.

**DISCUSSION:** In January 2002, the City Council approved the application for a PIE grant from the SMBRP. The City has received word that the grant has been approved and staff is currently working out details with the SMBRP as the granting agency and with Odyssey School and Heal the Bay for implementation of the project.

The project involves the development of educational materials by students at the Odyssey School related to the creek restoration project that the City is undertaking as part of the Las Flores Creek Park project. These materials will be used to educate children in the Los Angeles area about the restoration and of the benefits of such projects. The project will culminate with children from the Odyssey School acting as docents to lead interpretive programs at the park site for local and inner city school children.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Failure to accept this grant will require staff to seek other means to meet the educational program requirements of our larger restoration grant for Las Flores Creek.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: Staff from the Parks & Recreation Department will coordinate agreements with the granting agency and with Odyssey School for the implementation of the grant program.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: PIE Grant application and scope of work